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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE CLOSES

1. NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU CONFERENCE CLOSED AT 0030
LOCAL TIME, MAY 21, AFTER APPROVAL OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE (WHICH
APPARENTLY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.) COMMUNIQUE WILL SERVE AS
BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION AT JULY MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED MINISTERS
IN BELGRADE. (COMMENT: WE HAVE OBTAINED COPY OF FINAL COMMU-
NIQUE WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT-IO/ML-KRIEBEL -
BY POUCH. INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE - ON DISARMAMENT,
SAHARA, MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA - WILL BE SUMMARIZED IN SEPTELS.)

2. CUBANS SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF MEETING, NOT
ONLY BECAUSE ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA (INCLUDING ERITREA) AND ZAIRE
WERE NOT EVEN MENTIONED, BUT AT CLOSE OF MEETING, PLO REPRESENT-
ATIVE (IBRAHIM SHAFIK EL HOUT) EXPLOITED CONFUSION AND SECURED
CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF PUBLIC STATEMENT PUTTING NON-ALIGNED
COORDINATING BUREAU ON RECORD ENDORSING "ROLE PLAYED BY
CUBA AND SUPPORT GIVEN TO CAUSE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION AND
LIBERTY, AND ITS (CUBA'S) CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTION OF
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY." STATEMENT ALSO INCLUDED
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ENDORSEMENT OF 1979 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN HAVANA. (COMMENT:
PLO PROPOSAL WAS SECONDED BY LIBERIAN REPRESENTATIVE WHO,
LIKE MANY OTHERS PRESENT, ONLY HEARD FIRST PART OF STATEMENT
WHICH THANKED CUBANS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY. AFTER SECONDING,
CUBAN CHAIRMAN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS.
THERE BEING NONE, STATEMENT WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.)

3. PRINCIPAL PROBLEM AREAS AT HAVANA MEETING WERE MIDDLE EAST AND SAHARA. ON BOTH ISSUES, OUTCOME OF MEETING REPRESENTED MORE EXTREME POSITION THAN ADVOCATED BY CUBANS THEMSELVES IN THEIR INITIAL DRAFT COMMUNIQUE. WHILE NEITHER MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, FRANCE (ON SAHARA) NOR EGYPT (ON MIDDLE EAST) WERE CONDEMNED BY NAME, NON-ALIGNED MEETING CONCLUDED WITH POLICY GESTURES IN DIRECTION OF ALGERIA AND SYRIA RESPECTIVELY. INDEED, AS INDICATION OF PRESSURE TOWARD EXTREMISM, EGYPTIANS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE GRATEFUL FOR RELATIVE MODERATION OF CUBA.

4. YUGOSLAVS HERE HAVE POINTED OUT TO US, HOWEVER, THAT NAM BUREAU COMMUNIQUE IS ALLEGEDLY ONE OF MOST MODERATE IN RECENT YEARS AND, WITH EXCEPTION OF MIDDLE EAST, MAKES VIRTUALLY NO DIRECT ATTACKS ON US. YUGOSLAVS CLAIM CREDIT FOR A) HAVING ARGUED STRONGLY WITH PLO AND OTHER ARAB EXTREMISTS THAT US ADMINISTRATION IS NOW ADOPTING MORE EVENHANDED ME POLICY, AND B) HAVING PUSHED FOR MENTION OF "HEGEMONISM" IN ORDER TO SECURE ELIMINATION OF REPEATED CUBAN ATTACKS ON IMPERIALISM AND ONE-SIDED PRAISE OF SOCIALIST (COMMUNIST) NATIONS.

5. COMMENT: WHILE YUGOSLAVS, INDIANS AND OTHER PLAYED MODERATING ROLE, MEETING REVEALED THAT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IS A WEAK REED ON WHICH TO LEAN IF WE WISH TO PLACE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PRESSURE ON CUBA. ONLY IF MEMBER
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NATIONS FEEL THEIR OWN POLICIES OR SECURITY SUBJECT TO STRONG ATTACK (E.G., SAHARA, MIDDLE EAST) WILL THEY BREACH ETHIC OF SOLIDARITY OF NAM. INDEED, PRESSURE TO REACH COMPROMISES AMONG MEMBER NATIONS PROMOTES POLICY CONCESSIONS TO EXTREMISTS, AND AS IN CASE OF MIDDLE EAST, ATTACKS AGAINST OUTSIDE POWERS SUCH AS US AS MEANS TO EXPRESS CRITICISM OF FELLOW NAM STATES BY INDIRECTION.
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